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SUBJECT: SCENESSETTER FOR THE VISIT OF KOSOVO PRESIDENT  
SEJDIU AND PRIME MINISTER THACI TO WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 26, 2008  
Classified By: AMBASSADOR TINA KAIDANOW FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

1. (C) It has been a difficult but in many ways successful year since Kosovo declared its independence on February 17, 2008. Though we spent n
2. (C) Kosovo's temperate line is in many ways due to the leadership of President Sejdiu and Prime Minister Thaci, two men of very different b
3. (C) And those encroachments will likely persist, even under the pro-European government of Serbian President Tadic in Belgrade. The previou
4. (C) While Tadic has made significant steps on key issues of importance to the West, including on ICTY commitments, he has pursued a policy
5. (C) The Kosovo government remains prepared to engage in quiet diplomacy with Serbia via EU mediation, and has held open those positions in
6. (C) Kosovo's challenges are not limited to the political and security realm. Last year's Donors Conference saw over \$1.5 billion pledged in
7. (C) Sejdiu and Thaci may reaffirm their conviction that U.S. troop contributions in Kosovo remain essential, particularly since U.S. forces